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**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.J.Res. \_\_ would authorize continued funding with respect to the remaining appropriations bills, through February 15, 2006. This continued funding would be made pursuant to Public Law 109-77, the first continuing resolution that (as amended by the second continuing resolution) is set to expire on December 17<sup>th</sup> (tonight at midnight). P.L. 109-77 authorized funding at the lower of three levels: current law (FY05), House-passed, or Senate-passed. Defense appropriations is also funded at this rate, but as a result of emergency supplementals provided in FY05, the lower level *is* the House-passed amount which over the course of a full fiscal year, equals a 3.5% increase over last year (although 1% less than the President requested).

For more information on P.L. 109-77 which also extended a number of provisions set to expire with the fiscal year (which would be similarly extended through February 15<sup>th</sup> under H.J.Res. \_\_), please see: <http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%209-29-05.pdf>

**Additional Background:** To date, nine FY06 appropriations bills have been signed into law. The FY06 Labor-HHS appropriations conference report (H.R. 3010) cleared the House on December 14<sup>th</sup> and awaits consideration by the Senate, leaving only the Defense appropriations conference report (H.R. 2863) to be considered by both chambers. Without this continuing resolution, the portions of the federal government that are funded by these two conference reports not yet signed into law could not operate past this day.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** H.J.Res. \_\_ would not authorize any new expenditure above the baseline. In fact, since it funds government programs at the lower of current law, House-passed or Senate-passed levels, CBO estimates the resolution would *save money over the course of a full year*.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

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